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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON NEW UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

1. AMBASSADOR PAID COURTESY CALL ON RTG'S NEW UNDER SECRETARY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WONG PHONNIKON DECEMBER 16. CALL WAS
LARGELY NON-SUBSTANTIVE IN NATURE. PRINCIPAL SUBJECT RAISED
BY SONG--A COMMENTARY ON THE PROSPECTS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT
IN THAI-BURMESE RELATIONS--IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

2. THE AMBASSADOR TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE FOLLOWING
ITEMS OF PENDING EMBASSY/MFA BUSINESS WITH WONG:

A. AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT. AS HE HAD WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER UPADIT IN THEIR NOVEMBER 8 CONVERSATION, THE AMBASSADOR
SUGGESTED THAT NEGOTIATION OF LONG-PENDING AID BILATERAL, WHICH
IS WITHIN "A FEW WORDS OF FINAL AGREEMENT," BE CONCLUDED
EXPEDITIOUSLY. WONG PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT.

B. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED WONG THAT THERE WAS AN
OUTSTANDING REQUEST FROM THE USG THAT THE EXTRADITION TREATY
BE REVISED TO COVER NARCOTICS OFFENDERS AND ASKED THAT THE
UNDER SECRETARY DO WHAT HE COULD TO GENERATE FAVORABLE RTG
ACTION OF THE PROPOSAL.

C. RAISING THE SUBJECT OF AIRPORT SECURITY, THE AMBASSADOR
AGAIN URGED THAT THE RTG GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THE
PROPOSAL THAT THAILAND ACCEDE TO THE HAGUE CONVENTION (1970)
AND THE MONTREAL CONVENTION (1971).

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3. ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING WAS MOST CORDIAL. WONG RECALLED FOND MEMORIES OF HIS WAR-TIME EXPERIENCES WITH THE OSS AS A MEMBER OF THE FREE THAI MOVEMENT, DESCRIBING VIVIDLY BEING PICKED UP BY CATALINA FLYING BOAT FROM THE GULF OF SIAM AND TAKEN TO CEYLON FOR TRAINING. HE ALSO RECALLED WITH OBVIOUS PLEASURE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL WHEN BOTH WERE ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADORS TO RANGOON. HE ASKED THAT HIS WARMEST REGARDS AS WELL AS THOSE OF HIS WIFE BE CONVEYED TO THE HUMMELS.
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